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Pierre-Michel Menger, Patron of the 2025-2026 Cohort of Fellows at the Paris Institute for Advanced Study

The Paris Institute for Advanced Study is pleased to announce that **Pierre-Michel Menger**, sociologist and Professor Emeritus at the Collège de France, will serve as the **patron of the 2025-2026 cohort of resident fellows**.

Pierre-Michel Menger completed his secondary education in Forbach and Strasbourg before being admitted to the École normale supérieure on rue d'Ulm, where he studied philosophy and then sociology. He was a fellow at the Fondation Thiers between 1978 and 1981, where he completed his doctoral thesis at EHESS.

He joined the CNRS in 1981, pursuing his career there as research fellow and later research director, and was awarded the CNRS Silver Medal in 1999. Since 2013, he has been Professor at the Collège de France, holding the Chair of the Sociology of Creative Work. He has also been teaching at EHESS as Directeur d'études cumulant since 1995. He was elected a member of the Academia Europaea in 2010 and of the Académie des Sciences Morales et Politiques in 2023.

His current research focuses on education, careers in research and higher education, meritocracy and its controversies, as well as the creative process in the arts.



"We are delighted and honored to welcome Pierre-Michel Menger as patron of the 2025-2026 cohort. His career and his scholarship embody the academic excellence and interdisciplinary dialogue that lie at the heart of the Paris IAS,"
Saadi Lahlou, Director of the Paris IAS.

About the Paris IAS

The Paris Institute for Advanced Study (Paris IAS) is a research center in the humanities and social sciences, broadly defined, including related disciplines. A place of work, exchange, and intellectual stimulation, the Paris IAS supports high-level international research and fosters cross-sectoral collaborations with the aim of helping society better understand the world and its transformations.

Founded in 2008 under the auspices of the Fondation Maison des sciences de l'homme, the École des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS), and the École normale supérieure, the Institute became an autonomous institution in 2011. It is supported by the City of Paris, major universities and research institutions in the Île-de-France region, as well as by the FMSH and the Regional Council of Île-de-France. It also benefits from the support of the France 2030 program through the RFIEA+ Laboratory of Excellence. More information: <https://www.paris-iea.fr/en/>

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